TITLE

STITCHED YARN SURFACE STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A stitched yarn surface structure comprises a backing the entire upper surface of which is covered by a plurality of rows of face yarn underlaps. The face yarn underlaps may be stitched-into the backing, or held to the backing by longitudinally extending overstitches. The yarn underlaps form a yarn surface having a height dimension D. The backing has a thickness dimension T that is at least twice the height dimension D and not less than two millimeters.